
- **THE lie produces stress on you and pressures on others**

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

- **Becoming fools**

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the “wisdom” of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

*²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the **power** of God and the **wisdom** of God.*

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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The Lie

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The Continental Divide of truth and the lie

*Psalm 16.11 **You** make known to me **the path of life**; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

*Romans 1.24, 25 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the **lusts of their hearts**, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who **exchanged the truth of God for the lie**, and **worshiped** and **served** the **creature** rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

*John 17.17 Sanctify them by the truth; **your word is truth**.*

*Colossians 2.2 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the **full riches of complete understanding**, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in **whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may **deceive you** by fine-sounding arguments.*

1. What is THE lie?

Romans 1:24, 25 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

2. What does living THE lie look like?

Rom. 1:25 “...who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator...”

3. What drives THE lie?

Psalm 14:1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. ² The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. ³ All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

4. What effects will THE lie eventually produce?

The slow decay of personal life, relationships, culture, a nation

Romans 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;

³¹ they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

³² Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

THE lie assumes autonomy is the doorway to everything we want out of life.
